

SUPERVISOR  
Rick Galardi

CLERK  
Diane K. Mosier

TREASURER  
Phyllis Dagg



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820-7900

TRUSTEES  
Max Calder  
Stephen C. Musselman  
Brian Ross  
David Seeger

MANAGER  
Rodney Taylor

March 1, 2011

Representative Kenneth Horn  
Chair  
House Energy and Technology Committee

RE: HB 4265 and 4266

Dear Representative Horn and Committee Members:

My name is Rick Galardi and I serve as the Supervisor of DeWitt Charter Township—the host community of the Granger Wood Street Landfill—arguably, ground zero in this debate.

I am a member of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, a member of the Friends of the Looking Glass River and a founding member of the Heart of Michigan branch of the United States Green Building Council.

DeWitt Charter Township is proud to be one of mid-Michigan's first communities to formally incorporate sustainable components into our economic incentive policies. A large regional composting facility and numerous sellers of composted materials are located in DeWitt Township. We are home to a state-of-the-art facility that converts landfill gas to electricity—a technology that effectively uses a family's trash to help fuel their home.

As you may sense, DeWitt Charter Township is committed to *not* viewing our community through only “2011” eyes. We will continue to plan our community and manage its resources in an environmentally and economically sustainable fashion.

I am in favor of House Bills 4265 and 4266; I believe they will contribute to the development of momentum of this important renewable resource.

In a private capacity, I've been an employee, manager and business owner of small businesses for 40 years; the first 10 in southeastern Michigan, the past 30 here in mid-Michigan. I know what it's like to face a changing business landscape; I know first-hand what it's like to meet a payroll.

Main Office: 517.668.0270  
Treasurer: 517.668.1411  
Fax: 517.668.0277

Assessing: 517.669.6494  
Building: 517.668.0278  
Planning: 517.669.6576  
Fax: 517.669.6496

Police: 517.669.6578  
Fax: 517.669.6583  
Fire: 517.669.0071  
Fax: 517.669.6752

Community Center  
Phone: 517.482.5117  
Fax: 517.482.1293

From a regional economic development perspective, the role of the Lansing Board of Water and Light cannot be overstated. Since the 1800s, the Board has been a vital part of the region's economic growth and sustainability. This region's, and some of the state's most important economic drivers—Michigan State University, General Motors, the State of Michigan and numerous national insurance and high-tech firms—rely on the Board of Water and Light's economical rates to help control their costs. The Board's low rates help its small business customers remain competitive.

I have confidence that the Board's decision to partner with Granger is a testament to the fundamental reliability and economics of this technology. I believe decisions like this will help the Board of Water and Light continue to be an economic asset in our region's quest to attract new business and jobs.

Thank you for allowing me to weigh in on this issue. Please let me know if DeWitt Charter Township can be of service to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Rick Galardi, Supervisor  
DeWitt Charter Township